

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and is a serious threat to democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies like Sinclair's control the airwaves and mandate the airing of a partisan piece, especially so close to the election, they are breaking the law. It's imperative that the law is enforced, and that the local airwaves show real people from our own communities and more substantive, balanced news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please take punitive action against Sinclair Broadcasting immediately. Thank you.